

# IMPORTANT NEWS THE WORLD OVER

IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS OF THIS  
AND OTHER NATIONS FOR  
SEVEN DAYS GIVEN

## THE NEWS OF THE SOUTH

What is Taking Place in The South  
and Will Be Found in  
Brief Paragraphs

### Foreign—

In spite of the intimation of Premier Brand that the British and French delegations were deadlocked on the Silesian question, and the feeling in diplomatic circles that this was the real reason underlying Lloyd-George's announcement of his decision to return to England, the French foreign office denies that a rupture has occurred.

The United States shipping board steamer Black Arrow sank recently off Cape Vilano, on the west coast of Spain. The crew and passengers were saved, but the ship and cargo are a total loss.

It has been officially announced that the receipt of Eamonn de Valera's reply to the British government on the Irish peace proposals, necessitating early action by the British cabinet, is the real reason for Lloyd-George's departure from Paris.

Col. George Harvey, United States ambassador to Great Britain, an "observer" at the supreme council meeting in Paris, spoke up for the first time since the conference began. He offered to obtain more complete information to assist the allies in whatever they may do to alleviate Russia's distress and to that end has cabled his government at Washington.

Negotiations between representatives of American and British shipping interests on the question of freight rates for Egyptian cotton have been broken off, according to advices from Alexandria.

The pope has named Bishop Michael J. Curley of St. Augustine, Fla., as archbishop of Baltimore, which is the archiepiscopal see of the Roman Catholic church in the United States.

An explosion in the Hiroshima artillery magazine is reported to have injured or killed over two thousand Japs.

It is reported in Lindsay, Ontario, that Gen. Sir Sam Hughes, former Canadian minister of militia and an outstanding figure in Canada's war effort, is at the point of death.

All members of the Irish Republican parliament now in custody will be released, with one exception, in anticipation of the meeting of the parliament called for August 16, according to Dublin advices.

Of the entire Spanish detachment which defended Zeluán against the onslaught of the Moors, only Lieutenant Bravo and eight soldiers managed to save themselves by jumping into the sea.

### Washington—

Frank A. Linney, Republican state chairman of North Carolina, to be federal attorney for the western North Carolina district, has been confirmed by the vote of 31 to 17.

Congressional investigation of the American Legion's organization and alleged "scandalous and disgraceful conduct of a small coterie of self-constituted, self-perpetuating officials," has been asked in a petition presented to Vice President Coolidge and Speaker Gillett.

Congressman W. C. Lanford of Georgia advocated in the house, recently, the passage of his \$500,000,000 farmers' relief bill, which provides for immediate purchase through the war finance corporation from banks, either national or state, farmers' notes maturing within three years from the passage of the act and secured by either first or second trust deeds or liens.

The packer control bill, a subject of contention in congress for nearly a score of years, was passed finally by the house without a record vote and sent to the White House for executive action.

Formal invitations to the Washington disarmament and pacific conference will be sent, shortly now that agreement on the date for the opening of the conference practically has been reached. Official notification from Japan that she accepts November 11 as the date will make the agreement unanimous. This notification is expected hourly.

Even more extensive changes in tax levies than were agreed upon at the white house conference between President Harding and Republican leaders of the house of representatives have been voted tentatively by the majority members of the ways and means committee.

The federal trade commission was directed, under a resolution adopted recently by the senate, to investigate conditions of tobacco trade, including prices to producers and consumers.

President Harding probably will open the Washington disarmament and pacific conference personally, it was strongly indicated on high authority at the White House recently.

The Willis-Campbell anti-beer bill was passed by the senate recently, 39 to 20, and sent to conference with the prospect of its final enactment before the week-end.

Speed-up orders have been given congress under an agreement between the president and Republican leaders, providing the agricultural credits measure is enacted and the house passes the revision bill.

General Pershing, it is announced, approves the new "Sam Brown" d.

The house policy of assessing tax duties on the basis of American valuation of imported merchandise was accepted by Republican members of the senate finance committee, although they failed to reach an agreement on details of the program.

A definite hospitalization program for former service men involving the immediate expenditure of \$6,110,000. The new program is said to have the approval of Secretary Mellon.

Diplomatic negotiations preliminary to the disarmament conference reached a formal stage for the first time the other day when the state department drafted notes of invitation to the five powers that are to be asked to participate.

Jobs for 1,000,000 idle men will be provided if congress passes the administration's railroad credits bill, Eugene Meyers, head of the War Finance, declared recently before the senate interstate commerce committee in opening hearings on the bill.

A double-barreled campaign for open sessions of the forthcoming disarmament conference was on here, under the leadership of Senators Hiram Johnson, Borah and other senate independents.

Former agents of the alien property custodian are now in Germany trying to get retainers from German dye companies seeking American business. H. O. Metz, New York dye maker declared recently in resuming his opposition to the proposed dye embargo before the senate finance committee.

A bill authorizing the president to confer congressional medal of honor and the distinguished service cross on the unidentified American soldier who will be buried in Arlington national cemetery by November 11, has been passed by the house and sent to the senate.

Announcement of renewed insistence by the United States upon adjustment on the lines of the White award of the boundary dispute between Costa Rica and Panama is forecast at the state department as the next step in the controversy between the two republics.

The whole question of prohibition as it operates in the United States has been thrown open in the senate. An anti-beer bill was passed, with twenty senators voting against it, after a debate which indicated the first organized reaction toward present-day enforcement of the Volstead act. While they did not succeed in defeating the bill, or in sending it back to committee, the opposition group did achieve the passage of an amendment which requires every enforcement officer to obtain a search warrant before he sets forth on the liquor trail, a provision which "drugs" declared would "nullify" the Volstead law.

Easier credit for farmers, provided for by the bill which passed the senate will provide some relief for the present disorganized condition of agriculture, representatives of the farmers say.

The war department has 1,000 commissions for second lieutenants and only 126 applicants.

Cost of labor allowances to railroads for the six months guarantee period following government control will include only increased wages and not alleged "inefficiency of labor" factors, under a decision handed down by the interstate commerce commission.

Domestic—

Reports that five persons had been killed and ten or twelve injured when train No. 13 on the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley railroad hit a truck at a grade crossing at Anguilla, Miss., were received at Vicksburg.

Dr. J. E. Slaughter, a planter, was shot and killed at his plantation at Schlatter, near Greenwood, Miss., by a negro tenant farmer who escaped, but was reported surrounded by a sheriff's posse in a woods near the scene of the killing.

Two men were killed and five injured, three seriously, when the party was buried under several tons of debris by a fall of rock in No. 6 shaft of the Quincy, Mich., mine. The cave-in was caused by an air-blast.

Ten of the nineteen Craighead county, Arkansas, farmers recently convicted on charges of night riding arrived at the state penitentiary at Little Rock to begin their sentences. Their arrival was delayed because of time allowed them to cultivate their crops. They will serve terms ranging from two months to one year.

Rear Admiral George Fink Kutz, U. S. N., retired, said to be the second oldest living rear admiral in the navy, died at San Francisco recently, at the age of 86. He participated in most of the important engagements of the Civil war.

Governor Small of Illinois, under arrest in connection with charges of misuse of public funds and embezzlement while he was state treasurer, has demanded a change of venue and an immediate trial.

As the result of a quarrel over "moonshine" Emmett Bates, 18, is dead, and Clarence Wells, 19, is held in the Wise, Va., jail in connection with the killing.

Fourteen-year-old James Burnett, alias Charles Hickson, is being held in the Waifs' Home, New Orleans, while the police are investigating a story imputed to the boy that four months ago he killed a companion in Dalton, Ga., and then fled to New Orleans.

Rev. James E. Coyle, for many years rector of St. Paul's Catholic church, died at a hospital after having been shot three times by Rev. E. R. Stephenson, Methodist minister. Stephenson went to the county jail and surrendered. The cause is given that the Catholic priest performed a marriage ceremony between the Methodist minister's daughter and a Catholic.

An indictment charging murder was voted against A. C. Burch, held in connection with the slaying of J. B. Kennedy. Kennedy was shot in the back of the head.

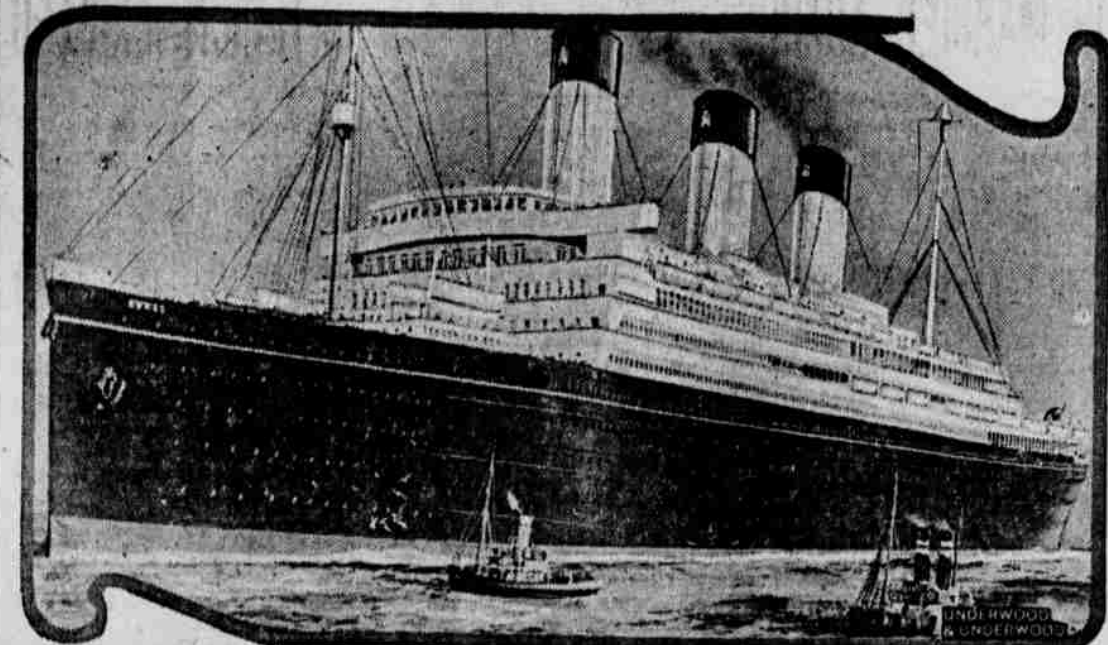
The body of Miss Maud Gilbert was taken from the canal near Miami, Fla., by divers at the point where the touring car in which she was riding with E. F. White is alleged to have plunged into the water. The body was only partly clothed.

A search of the room occupied by W. A. Hightower, a baker, who led the police to the grave of Rev. Patrick Hefflin, missing priest, revealed a rifle, bloody pieces of burial and clipping from San Francisco newspapers showing the amount of the reward offered for the priest's return.

Des Moines, Ia.—Aroused by the army of rats that overran the state, Iowa recently ended a crusade to rid the country of some of these pests.

War on the rodents was declared when it was announced that they cost the farmers of Iowa, at a conservative estimate, \$20,000,000 annually. The county fund, established by the farm bureau, was for the local county

## Majestic, the Largest Ship in the World



This picture, based on the builder's drawings, is the first to be published of the world's biggest ship—the Majestic, now being completed at Hamburg. The Majestic registers 56,000 tons—about 50 times as large as any of the packet ships of a century ago and nearly equal to the entire tonnage of the 132 ships which formed the famed Spanish armada. Its dimensions: length overall, 958 feet; breadth, 100 feet; draft, 40 feet. It will accommodate 3,338 passengers, and will carry a crew of 1,200. Turbine engines drive four screws and the boilers are heated by oil flame.

## Will Use Lethal Gas on Convicts

Nevada Law Provides Peculiar Form of Execution for Men Convicted of Murder.

### CHAMBER IN NEW PRISON

State Architect Ordered to Plan Chamber Where Witnesses in Safety May See Man Die—Some Say Method Is Cruel and Barbarous.

Carson City, Nev.—In this capital city of Nevada they are building a new state penitentiary which will contain a lethal gas chamber for the execution of condemned criminals.

Under a law passed at the recent session of the state legislature all persons condemned to death in this state must be killed by the administration of lethal gas.

The laws affecting the death penalty have been out of the ordinary in this state for a number of years past.

Under certain restrictions the condemned criminal has been able to choose his own method of execution. The last man to die at the hands of the state was one Mircovich, who, in the language of Gov. Emmet D. Boyle, "accepted shooting." The condemned man was seated in a chair in the prison yard with his back to a wall. A diagram was fixed upon his clothing. A company of men were engaged to shoot at the living target. All the riflemen were expert marksmen. As they entered the prison yard they were handed loaded weapons. Some of the guns contained blanks and others were loaded with steel bullet shells. No member of the firing squad knew what his rifle contained.

Death Was Instantaneous.

After the single crash of the volley that snuffed out the forfeited life it was found the figure "S" traced on his breast had been perfectly perforated by the bullets, which were found to have plugged the back of the chair on which he sat. The chair of the state's "shooting gallery" is one of the gruesome objects of curiosity which you can see in the old prison yard. The figure "S" is very accurately outlined in the wood where the bullets lodged after they sped through the human body.

Those who witnessed the execution say that death was practically instantaneous. The physicians believe that shooting is the quickest, least painful and most humane method of execution.

The new law has precipitated much discussion. There are many lawyers in Nevada who hold that a criminal may not be legally executed by lethal gas. They say it is unconstitutional because it violates the constitutional prohibition against cruel, barbarous and unusual punishment. There is sufficient weight to this contention in the minds of the members of the prison board so that they have carefully preserved the gallows for such use as may be necessary.

Gov. Emmet D. Boyle, head of the state, who signed the bill making the lethal gas execution legal, holds that it is perfectly feasible and constitutional.

"There are a number of lethal gases that may be employed," he told me. "Any will produce practically instant death. I satisfied myself thoroughly concerning this phase of the proposition before I signed the bill. I am convinced that this method of execution can be simply administered and will be effective."

Use Mechanical Methods.

"The gas will be administered by some person designated by the warden. It will be administered by mechanical methods. The execution by this method will not be painful."

"I do not think, however, it is related in any respect to the abolition of the death penalty."

"No actual steps have yet been taken to provide the facilities for the

IOWA WAGES WAR ON RATS

Campaign, Which Lasts Six Weeks, Results in Extirmination of 1,500,000 of These Pests.

use of the law. We are not a very populous state and we have no one waiting the death penalty. For this reason we are not making great haste in getting ready for executions which may not occur for many years.

The ticklish job of providing the conveniences for sending a human being across the great divide by lethal gas has been assigned to the state architect. He must build a chamber in which the victim may be housed while the watchers and witnesses provided by law are present while he is put to death. As is well known in connection with the lethal gases used during the war, the slightest diffusion of these elements caused widespread havoc.

It is not possible to build a chamber which is relatively hermetically sealed, because it will not permit the provision of the law be carried out. Neither is a glass chamber feasible. The likelihood is that the death chamber will be so built that the gases will be blown away from the necessary witnesses and watchers if any fumes should escape.

Absolutely Painless.

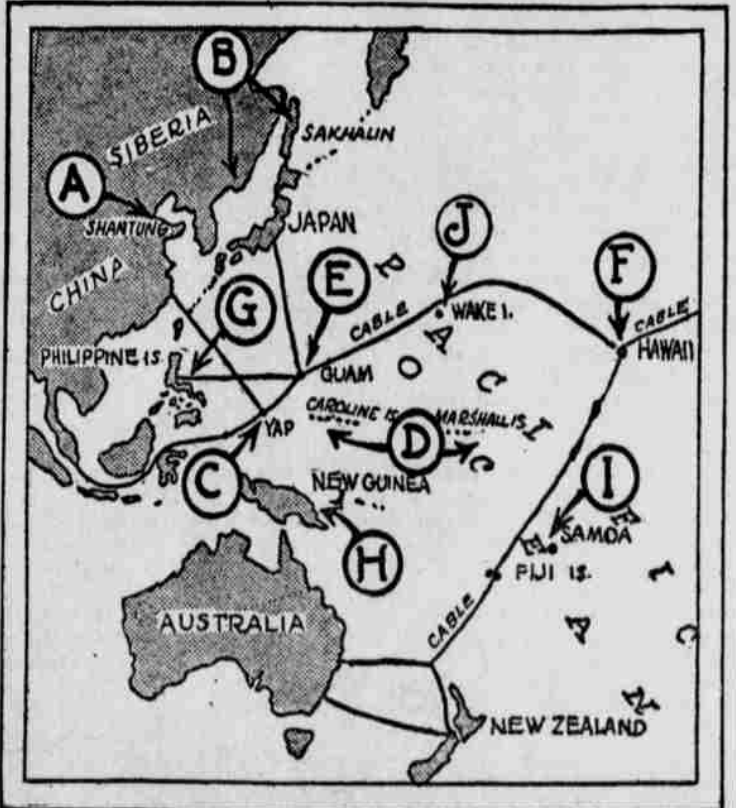
It is anticipated the gas will be administered much as gas is administered to a patient in a dental chair or to a person preparing for a surgical operation. In other words, it will be a form of anesthesia, and the administrator will probably be an expert anesthetician chosen from among physicians or male nurses. Those who favor this method of dealing death declare it is absolutely painless. Most of the advocates of the measure believe that the condemned criminal should be given a sleeping potion in his food and that the lethal gas should

be administered in the subsequent slumber. The claim that no gas can be administered without awakening the sleeper is disputed.

World-wide interest has already focused upon the state with its vast area and its small population on account of this extraordinary death penalty. Students of prison reform are divided concerning the humanity of the measure. Its application will be watched with exceptional interest by scientific organizations and colleges.

There is little likelihood, however, that Nevada will permit the execution to become a public show. Executions are not popular in Nevada. There is a very active sentiment against carrying out the death penalty. Since the state was admitted to the Union only six men have been condemned to death, and of these only two were allowed to be executed.—Arnold Kruckman in New York World.

## SOME OF BIG QUESTIONS IN PACIFIC



A—By the treaty of Versailles German rights in the Chinese province of Shantung were transferred to Japan. The United States senate adopted a reservation in the treaty withholding American acquiescence in this transfer. China refused to sign the treaty because of it.

B—Japanese forces are still occupying parts of the Siberian coast provinces. Japan has also occupied the north or Russian half of the Island of Sakhalin.

C—Yap is the important cable station islet, a mandate over which was irregularly awarded to Japan by the allied supreme council. President Wilson had made a reservation on Yap and the United States has not relinquished its right to participate in the disposition of these former German possessions, turned over by Germany to the five allied and associated powers.

D—Mandates over the Caroline and Marshall Islands were awarded to Japan by the allied supreme council. The American delegation to the peace conference did not contest these assignments.

E—Guam is the most important American naval base in the western half of the Pacific.

F—Hawaii is the most important American base in the middle Pacific.

G—The Philippines, an exposed American outpost in the Far East, can be held only if the United States can maintain a fleet in the Pacific based on Hawaii and Guam.

H—The German portion of New Guinea was assigned to Australia.

I—The German portion of the Samoa Islands was assigned to New Zealand.

J—Wake Island, which belongs to the United States.

winners, and the state prize for state winners. Thousands of Iowans enlisted in the crusade, and at the end of the contest, which lasted six weeks, Iowa had killed 1,500,000 rodents.

Continue to Invade California.

Washington.—California's Japanese population in 1920 was 71,932 as against 41,356 in 1910, according to census figures. The state also contained 38,768 negroes, 17,500 Indians, 28,812 Chinese and 2,882 of other alien races.

## GOOD COLLECTIONS FROM AUTO OWNERS

RECEIPT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY REACHED TOTAL OF \$1,498,499.25.

## INTEREST PAID BY GASOLINE

Chairman of the Highway Commission Says Sum Collected Will be Spent Before End of Present Month.

Raleigh. Automobile tax collected by the state for the month of July amounted to \$1,498,499.25 and the gasoline tax for the same period, amounting to \$57,677.91, ran the state's revenue from two sources alone well above the million and a half mark.

The gasoline tax is in excess of the collections for June while the automobile tax is a little under the month previous. There are many licenses yet to be renewed and the total tax on automobiles for the season, independent of the "floating" collections at other periods of the year, will run the amount well above \$3,000,000.

The gasoline tax goes to pay the interest on the outstanding notes for construction funds while the bigger sums are being used exclusively for construction purposes. Chairman Frank Page, of the state highway commission, has informed State Treasurer Lacy that the sum collected during the rush season will be spent before the end of the present month.

With these expenditures on the roads, the state will then touch for the second time its \$10,000,000 allowance for the year.

### Postmaster Examinations.

Washington, (Special).—Examinations will be held September 10 for postmasters at the following places:

Angier, Badin, Bannock, Bayboro, Black Mountain, Candler, Candor, Carolee, Clarkston, Cleveland, Cliffside, Connolly Springs, Coolemees, Council, Elton College, Fletcher, Franklin, Garrysburg, Hope Hills, Huntersville, Lake Junaluska, Leaksville, Lowell, Mayodon, Moncure, Montreat, Morven, Newport, Parkton, Pinetops, Polkton, Pomona, Princeton, Richlands, Rural Hall, Sanatorium, Seaboard, Sparta, Stony Point, Trenton, Vass, Weaverville, West Jefferson, Whitakers, Whitliff, Woodland.

Chalmers L. Sims has been appointed postmaster at Harrisburg, Cabarrus county, vice Dwight L. Morrison, resigned.

### Probable Compromise on Power.

Negotiations looking to a compromise of the differences over power rates now existing between the cotton mills and the Southern Power company are well under way, according to semi-official information given out here.

It is expected here that an agreement will be reached within the next few days by which all litigation based that involving the North Carolina Public Service company, will be stopped.

### Charter for Peanut Growers.

The peanut growers of Virginia and North Carolina have secured the charter for their new and enlarged organization, which will bear the short and expressive name "Peanut Growers Exchange, Inc." The minimum capital stock is placed at \$151,000. Of this amount \$150,000 is common and \$1,000 preferred stock.

### The Southern Training School.

The Southern Training School for Christian Leadership will be held at Blue Ridge the week of August 23 to September 1. It will be under the auspices of the Sunday School associations of South Carolina, Kentucky, Alabama, Tennessee, Florida and Georgia. This is the first year for this training school, which promises to become an annual institution.

### New Chaplain of N. S. U. C. V.

General James I. Metts announced the appointment of Rev. Edmond Joyner, of Edgemont, as chaplain of the North Carolina Division of the United Confederate Veterans.

### Meeting of Guernsey Breeders.

The mid-summer meeting of the North Carolina Guernsey Breeders' association will be held at "Belmont Farms," F. H. and J. L. Beall, owners, Linwood, Davidson county, Thursday, August 25th, according to announcement made by T. D. Brown secretary.

Among the speakers are R. H. L. Chichester, of Fredericksburg, Va., R. M. Hooper, of Wilsacy, S. C., W. W. Fitzpatrick, of Clemson College, S. C., and J. A. Arey, dairy division, Department of Agriculture, Raleigh. There will be two sessions daily.

### Some New Corporations.

Charters were filed with the Secretary of State for the following corporations to do business in North Carolina: Johnson Miller company, of Statesville, to conduct a general furniture business with \$100,000 authorized capital and \$6,000 subscribed.

Farmers Economy Store company, of Granite Quarry, with \$25,000 authorized capital and \$800 subscribed by J. M. Honbarrier, of Granite Quarry, J. H. and C. F. Frick, of Salisbury.

Orange Motor company of Hillsboro, with \$50,000 authorized capital.

### Big Income From Insurance.

Money paid into the state department of insurance for the year ending April 1, 1920 increased \$330,211.63 as compared with the receipts of the previous year, according to figures in the annual report of insurance commissioner S. W. Wade. The gross total for the year was \$880,670.05, as compared with \$750,459.43 for preceding year.

During the year past the insurance department paid into the state treasury \$330,537.49 after paying all the expenses of operating the department.

### Grand Encampment of I. O. O. F.

The Grand Encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of North Carolina met in its 74th annual session August 9th in the hall of Buena Vista Lodge, No. 21, in the city of Greensboro. At the afternoon session the Grand Encampment degree was conferred on new members, the reports of the grand officers submitted, various committees appointed and matters of routine business transacted.

On Tuesday night the degree staff of Asheville Encampment No. 2, conferred the Patriarchal, Golden Rule and Royal Purple degrees on a number of candidates. This is probably the best encampment degree staff in North Carolina and a large number of members of the Patriarchal branch of the order were present to witness this exemplification of the encampment degrees.

The officers of the Grand Encampment are as follows, Grand Patriarch, C. H. Beine, Raleigh; Grand High Priest, A. C. Melvin, Durham; Grand Senior Warden, J. C. Wright, Shiloh; Grand Junior Warden, D. W. Davis, Goldsboro; Grand Scribe, L. W. Jeaner, Asheville; Grand Treasurer, John E. Wood, Wilmington; Grand Marshal, H. A. Ballard, Asheville; Grand Sentinel, D. R. Aiken, Greensboro; Grand Outside Sentinel, H. G. Godfrey, Elizabeth City; Grand Representative, John D. Berry, Raleigh.

### Decrease in Pellagra.

Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of the State Board of Health, has returned from Washington, where he has been in conference with other public health officials from the South and representatives of the Federal bureau of health and Red Cross officials.

Dr. Rankin has stated that so far as the records of his office show there has been a decrease in pellagra.

### The Coming Legion Convention.

"Hendersonville and her environs will be turned over completely to the former service men when they gathered there for the annual convention of the North Carolina state department of the American legion on August 26-27," was the statement of Walter B. Smith, of Hendersonville, chairman of the entertainment features of the convention.

### Reason for Webb Resignation.

Washington, (Special).—It is now understood that Marshal Webb was asked to resign because of editorials in The Citizen, which he partly owns, criticizing the administration.

The attorney general has been asked if that is not the case, but he is out of the city and will not answer until he gets back. He may put his action on other grounds.

### Trying to Secure Pension.

Representative Weaver is making an effort to get \$10,000 for Mrs. Laura E. Alexander, widow of Samuel H. Alexander, who died from injuries received in the defense of the Emma postoffice, where he was assistant postmaster when it was attacked by robbers years ago.

### Psychiatrist to Be Employed.

Announcement was made here by Mrs. Clarence Johnson, commissioner of state welfare, of the employment of a director of child helping and a psychiatrist who will divide time between the board of charities and welfare and the University of North Carolina.

### Senator Ladd to Speak.

Washington, (Special).—United States Senator Ladd, of North Dakota, and Gov. Thomas Campbell of Arizona, will be among the speakers at the Southern Tariff Congress to be held in Greensboro, N. C., August 15 and 16.

### Will Not Buy Kenilworth Inn.

The government will not buy Kenilworth Inn. That fact became known sometime ago. It will give it up as a hospital when the lease is out.

### Minerals and Forestry Exhibit.

As state geologist, Colonel Joseph Hyde Pratt, will have to do with placing both minerals and forestry exhibits in the Made-in-the-Carolinas exposition. He plans to exhibit a large array of both forestry and mineral products, in both of which North Carolina has a great variety.

### Viaduct to School for Blind.

If the state will indemnify the city against financial loss, the city of Raleigh will require the Southern and Seaboard railroads to construct a viaduct over their tracks at Ashe avenue leading to the new grounds, according to a tentative agreement reached between the city commissioners and representatives of the board of trustees of the State School for the Blind.

Attorney General J. S. Manning appeared with the Supt. Lineberry and members of the board before the commissioners.

### Inspected Disputed Routes.

Chairman Frank Page of the State highway commission, and highway engineer Charles M. Upham went to Forest City where they, together with Commissioners McGirt and Stikeleather, and inspected the disputed routes of the highway between Rutherford and the South Carolina line. Mr. Page and Mr. Upham continued their trip to Asheville.

The two factions contending over the routing of the road agreed to have the chairman examine the roads and report to the full commission.

### Prepare for Winter Tourists.